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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA FLT 842 INQUIRY

REF: STATE 2836

1. TWA ADVISES THEY HAD RETAINED TECHNICAL ADVISOR, CAPT DINO GONZADE, RECENTLY RETIRED ALITALIA DEPUTY CHIEF PILOT. TWA ADVISES GONZADE IS ACCEPTABLE TO WATKINS AND HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY MAGISTRATE.

2. FYI: TWA CLAIMS GONZADE IS FRIEND OF WATKINS' ATTORNEY, WHO IN TURN IS FRIEND OF MAGISTRATE. TWA FURTHER CLAIMS MAGISTRATE NOT FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD TWA OR US OR PILOT, AND THAT PRESENT CHOICE OF ATTORNEY AND ADVISOR IS BEST CHANCE OF MITIGATING BIAS.

3. ALPA WILL WORK THROUGH GONZADE, RATHER THAN SEND VAN

WIKE. ALPA AND TWA PILOTS ORGN WOULD LIKE SEND OBSERVER TO COURT PROCEEDINGS. PLEASE ADVISE DATE/TIME OF NEXT COURT SESSION. ALPA RECOGNIZES INDELICATE BEHAVIOR OF THEIR REP AT INITIAL PROCEEDINGS AND WILL MAKE APOLOGIES. KISSINGER
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